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Reminder: Increased Parking Enforcement Measures to Begin Thursday as Part of Charleston Police Department's King Street Public Safety Plan

Charleston, S.C. – As part of the Charleston Police Department's King Street safety plan – which includes stepped-up police patrols, better lighting, and changes in the street's traffic pattern – the city of Charleston will begin towing enforcement of the existing weekend parking rules along King Street on Thursday, February 9. These rules prohibit street parking on King Street between Spring and John streets from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

"We hope that we won't have to tow a single car tomorrow night," said Charleston Police Department Captain Jason Bruder. "We've tried a variety of approaches to make sure motorists are informed and aware of the rules along this stretch of King Street, and are prepared to tow cars tomorrow night if necessary."

Alternative, discounted parking for this area is available at the Visitor Center Garage, located at 63 Mary Street. This garage offers a \$7 flat rate fee after 3 p.m. and a \$5 flat rate fee after 5 p.m. The discounted evening rate ends at 3 a.m. and reverts to the regular garage rate (\$1 per half hour). Additional parking at the \$1 per half hour rate is available at the Midtown Garage (558 King Street) and Marion Square Garage (399 King Street).

The attached press release from February 2, 2023 contains additional information and background on the Charleston Police Department's Public Safety Plan for King Street.

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